

REMINDER

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NATIONAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK ACTIVITIES MAY 16-22

*Governor signs proclamation in Wilmington
Workshops planned in Rehoboth and Newark*

Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 16-22, to be observed in Delaware with proclamations and workshops throughout the state.

- **Monday, May 17, 11-1:45 a.m., Wilmington Public Library**, free public information seminar, Wendy Carey, Coastal Hazards specialist, Sea Grant Program, University of Delaware, discusses the nature of hurricanes, potential damaging effects and preventative measures for home and business owners
- **Monday, May 17, 12 noon, Rodney Square, Wilmington**, Gov. Ruth Ann Minner will sign a proclamation designating May 16-22 as Hurricane Awareness and Preparedness Week in Delaware
- **Tuesday, May 18, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Rehoboth Beach Convention Center**, free public workshop featuring presentations by the National Weather Service, DNREC, University of Delaware, Delaware Emergency Management Agency, DelDOT and Delaware State Police
- **Thursday, May 20, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Conectiv Conference Center**, 4100 South Wakefield Dr., Newark, free public workshop featuring presentations by the National Weather Service, DNREC, University of Delaware, Delaware Emergency Management Agency and Conectiv

Workshop presentation topics include a 2004 hurricane forecast from the National Weather Service, the effects of coastal storms on Atlantic and bay beaches, and the history of hurricanes in Delaware. Other relevant topics are evacuation decisions and effects of 2003 hurricane related flooding in New Castle County. At the Newark workshop, Dr. Kelvin Ramsey, University of Delaware, will discuss the historic Hurricane of 1878 and compare it with Hurricane Isabel.

Note: The address of the Conectiv Conference Center in Newark is 4100 South Wakefield Drive. It is referred to as the Chapman Road facility and is just off of Chapman Road, southwest of the intersection of I-95 and Rt. 273. The "Demo House," featuring hurricane shutters and other storm resistant features will be at the Rehoboth Convention Center on May 18.

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